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In re application of: J. R. NEESER et al.

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Application No.: 09/779,596

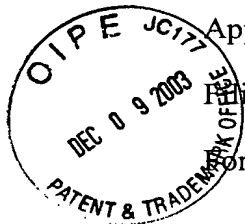
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For: INCORPORATION OF EXOGENOUS
LACTIC BACTERIA INTO THE ORAL
MICROFLORA

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed July 10, 2003, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks for entry into the above-identified application.

A petition to extend the time for responding, with fee authorization, is submitted herewith.

Amendments to the Specification begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks being on page 6 of this paper.

No fees for the claim amendments made herein are believed due for this submission. If any fees are due however, please charge the required fees to Winston & Strawn LLP Deposit Account No. 50-1814.